



Marilyn Croes is the “Carni-Eyes” Carnival Queen for 2007!

Last year at Carnival time, the “Eyes” nightclub was newly opened, and in the spirit of fun and the appreciation of beauty, the owners, Lili and her brother, Mario Arends, began their “Carni-Eyes” queen election. The event was such a hit, they did it again this year on Wednesday evening, presenting a pageant of the eight Carnival queen candidates, adorned with exciting and theatrical eye make-up from some of the top beauty specialists on Aruba. Avon International, represented on the island by Aruba Trading Company, is one of the sponsors of the event, and Ms. Geanne Perez, Caribbean Marketing Manager for Avon Products traveled to Aruba to participate as a judge, and to award the winner one thousand Aruban florins.

A night of Carnival music, beautiful costumes and hairstyles, and fantastical cosmetics gave the girls and their make-up artists an opportunity to shine. The artists were confined in their efforts only by their imaginations, and coordinated hair and face designs often went far beyond the eyes.

Wearing a simple black dress that allowed her makeup and hair to be the center of attention, Marilyn Croes, the queen candidate from Santa Croes took home the title, a beautiful trophy, and the check. She also received a gift package of Grey Goose Vodka, and a gift bag from Avon, as did the second and third place winners, Cristina Trejo of the T.O.B Carnival Group and Yahaira Grant of Party People. Marilyn’s make-up and hair stylist, Michael Douglas, also received a check for his design, created with Andrew Curiel. Edgar Kock and Junior Castaneda were also recognized for their hair and make-up for the second and their place winners.

Aside from the prestige of making the “Carni-Eyes” finalists, the girls enjoyed gift certificates from the beautiful new Larimar Spa at the Radisson Resort, and a number of other great gifts. This beautiful event has become an exciting part of the Carnival schedule, where fantasy and imagination reign supreme!